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TOPIC Grossenhain Airfield25X1
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DATE PREPARED 31 May 1950

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Four swept-back wing jet fighters, the same type as those seen in Oranienburg (N 53/X 67), landed at the Grossenhain (N 52/A 01) airfield at 6:10 p.m. on 11 April 1950. Eighteen jet fighters, of the same type, four single-engine conventional fighters, two single-engine high-wing monoplanes and three biplanes were stationed at the field. All aircraft except the four jet fighters were in the hangars. The mechanical condition of the jet fighters was checked at the southeast corner of the field.

2. The field was observed between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on 12 April 1950. No jet fighters were on the landing field. The sky was cloudy and there were occasional showers. Fifteen to twenty student pilots alternated in making training flights with two biplanes and two high-wing monoplanes. Four single-engine, single-seat fighters made flights lasting about one-hour each, up until 4 p.m. Four jet fighters came from the NE and landed at the field at 5:45 p.m., one after another. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The aircraft were taxed to the hangars where their mechanical condition was checked for about one hour; they were then placed in the hangars.

3. It was noticed that the jet fighters had a thin vertical rod, about 60 cm long, on top of the nose* and a lateral antenna rod aft of the cockpit. The air intake was painted red. [REDACTED]

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4. The field was strictly guarded, especially near the hangars. Jeep [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] trucks

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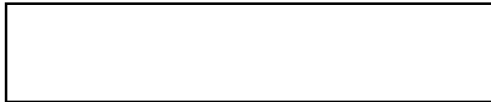
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
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were seen on the road to the airfield: **


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*  Comment: Information that jet aircraft type 14 had a vertical rod on the nose is received for the first time. Such a rod was not discernible on photographs taken of this type aircraft at other airfields. The purpose of this rod is undetermined.

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**  Comment: The report confirms the presence of fighter units equipped with conventional and jet aircraft. According to previous observations the field is occupied by two fighter regiments.

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